Montana Land Cover Atlas

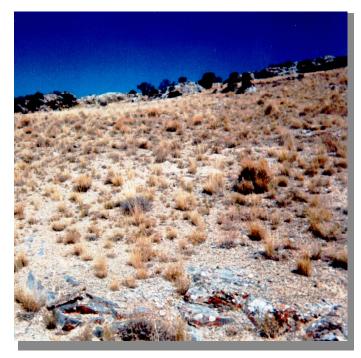
3130 Very Low Cover Grasslands

DOMINANT SPECIES

Blue grama (Bouteloua gracilis)
Clubmoss (Selaginella densa)
Hairy grama (Bouteloua hirsuta)
Hood's Phlox (Phylox hoodii)
Missouri Goldenrod (Solidago missouriense)
Prairie June grass (Koeleria pyramidata)
Sandberg's bluegrass (Poa sandbergii)
Sun Sedge (Carex heliophila)
Threadleaf Sedge (Carex filifolia)

DESCRIPTION

Semi-desert grasslands with total grass cover from 10-30% cover. Dominated by short grasses and forbs. Typically has a high amount of bare soil (20-60% cover). Grasslands with production ranges of 50-300 lb/ac. Usually associated with alkaline soils and/or disturbed sites.



TOTAL AREA 1,104,361 hectares 139,493 patches 2.90 % of state

ELEVATION 503 - 2800 m range 1065 m mean

STATE RANGE

Occurs primarily in central and eastern Montana valleys.

